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SUBJECT: TENNECO FOUR

REFERENCE: STATE 158570

1. SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER RECEIVED COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AP CORRESPONDENT ANDY TORCHIA, WHO HAD PLACED THEM ON WIRE SERVICE. TO BEST OF EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE SANFRANCISCO PAPER WAS ONLY PAPER TO PICK UP THIS PHOTOGRAPH AND DUE TO BAD QUALITY IT MOST UNLIKELY MEMBERS OF ELF BAND COULD BE RECOGNIZED WITH RESULTANT ANGER OVER FEAR OF EXPOSURE. TORCHIA OBTAINED COPIES OF PRINTS FROM TENA ALEMAYEHU, OWNER OF SOUL PHOTO STORE IN ADDIS ABABA, WHO HAD ONLY FACILITY IN ADDIS FOR MAKING PRINTS OFF OF COLOR NEGATIVES WITHOUT RUNNING RISK OF PERMANENT DAMAGE TO NEGATIVES. PRINTS WERE MADE IN ADDIS IN ORDER PLACE RECENT PHOTOS OF CAPTIVES IN HANDS OF WIVES ASAP. EMBASSY, WITH APPROVAL OF TENNECO, WITHHELD THOSE COPIES OF PHOTOS CLEARLY SHOWING MEMBERS OF ELF IN ORDER AVOID POSSIBLE EXPOSURE OF THEIR IDENTITIES TO IEG. TWO OUT OF NINE PRINTS WERE OF CAPTIVES ONLY AND THESE PRINTS WERE PROVIDED TO ALL WIVES BY BOGAN.

2. TENA HAD BEEN FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBOFF. AT TIME OF REQUESTING HIM TO DO DEVELOPING JOB, SENSITIVITY OF PHOTOS

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WAS CAREFULLY EXPLAINED AND HE REPEATEDLY PROMISED THAT

HE WOULD NOT DIVULGE OR OTHERWISE MAKE USE OF PRINTS.
NEVERTHELESS HE SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED OVER FULL SET OF PHOTOS TO
TORCHIA. IT TURNED OUT TENA WAS AN AP STRINGER.

3. WHEN EMBASSY DISCOVERED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO VIA TENNECO THAT
TORCHIA HAD BEEN GIVEN PRINTS, EMBOFF CONTACTED TORCHIA. HE IMMED-
IATELY APPRECIATED DELICACY OF ISSUE AND TRIED TO STOP WIRE SER-
VICE FROM DISTRIBUTING THE TWO PHOTOS HE HAD WIRED. ALTHOUGH HIS
COOPERATION IS BEYOND DOUBT, IT WAS TOO LATE TO STOP THE TWO
PRINTS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED. TORCHIA PROMISED
TO MAKE NO FURTHER USE OF PRINTS.

4. COPIES OF PRINTS BEING FORWARDED TO AF/E. COLOR
NEGATIVES BEING HELD BY EMBASSY. NEGATIVES ARE PERSONAL
PROPERTY OF MR. WILLIAM CAYCE, STILL A PRISONER OF ELF.
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